

PTO/SB/08a (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2008. OMB 0851-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 3

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/817,021
Filing Date	April 2, 2004
First Named Inventor	Ivan M. Spiers
Art Unit	3618
Examiner Name	James A. Shriver II
Attorney Docket Number	SICLC-001C

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)			
* 873		US- D451,162	11-27-2001	Ivan M. Spiers	
* 873		US- D467,199	12-17-2002	Eric McClure et al.	
* 873		US- 1,294,375	02-18-1919	C.R. Austin	
* 873		US- 1,524,850	02-03-1925	G. Van Daam	
* 873		US- 1,681,297	08-21-1928	W.V. Lindroos	
* 873		US- 1,745,643	02-04-1930	R. Roessel	
* 873		US- 1,945,170	01-30-1934	F.A. Wetzel	
* 873		US- 1,968,975	08-07-1934	A. Upsacker et al.	
* 873		US- 2,101,229	12-07-1937	R.O. Anderson et al.	
* 873		US- 2,316,272	04-13-1943	J.J. Meyer	
* 873		US- 2,256,203	09-16-1941	R.R. Hylan	
* 873		US- 2,359,076	09-26-1944	M.D. Asbury	
* 873		US- 2,513,199	06-27-1950	G.J. Ohlhaber	
* 873		US- 2,711,326	06-21-1955	H. Sorensen	
* 873		US- 2,950,924	08-30-1960	E.J. Gantz	
* 873		US- 3,438,643	04-15-1969	O. Spiehs	
* 873		US- 3,870,330	03-11-1975	F. Hatano et al.	
* 873		US- 4,037,852	07-26-1977	A. Bayer et al.	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
* 873		FR 2 609 899 - A1	01-28-1987	J. Rignault		
* 873		CH 616 854 A5	04-03-1980	M. Favini		
* 873		PCT/US02/23187	07-23-2002			

Examiner
SignatureDate
Considered

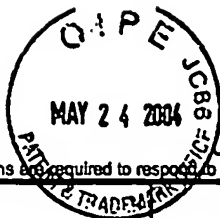
11/23/04

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 809. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

Best Available Copy



PTO/SB/08a (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2008. OMB 0851-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

Complete if Known

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 2 of 3

Application Number	10/817,021
Filing Date	April 2, 2004
First Named Inventor	Ivan M. Spiers
Art Unit	3618
Examiner Name	James A. Shriver II
Attorney Docket Number	SICLC-001C

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)			
* JS		US- 4,073,356	02-14-1978	D. Schlicht	
* JS		US- 4,167,225	09-11-1979	R. Frago	
* JS		US- 4,221,394	09-09-1980	J. R. Campbell	
* JS		US- 4,274,647	06-23-1981	L.V. Drake, Jr.	
* JS		US- 4,708,353	11-24-1987	Jean-Yves Evequoz	
* JS		US- 4,984,648	01-15-1991	M. Strzok	
* JS		US- 5,090,716	02-25-1992	K.M. Borden	
* JS		US- 5,305,846	04-26-1994	W.D. Martin	
* JS		US- 5,351,975	10-04-1994	F. Petoud	
* JS		US- 5,470,089	11-28-1995	D.E. Whitson et al.	
* JS		US- 5,516,126	05-14-1996	J.D. Myers	
* JS		US- 6,139,031	10-31-2000	S.G. Wingard	
* JS		US- 6,186,524	02-13-2001	T.P. McQueeney et al.	
* JS		US- 6,317,923	11-20-2001	A. Lo	
* JS		US- 6,345,678	02-12-2002	Shian-Pei Chang	
* JS		US- 6,474,660	11-05-2002	J.F. Warren	
* JS		US- 2002/0096846	07-25-2002	Ming-Fu Chen	
* JS		US- 2002/0121757	09-05-2002	Richard Louh	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				

Examiner
SignatureDate
Considered

11/23/04

*EXAMINER: Initial reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

